



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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SAME

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 16, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 29 and 31 as follows:

29. (Amended) A lithographic device comprising the following elements which are supported in that order:

a substrate stage which can be positioned by a first positioning device parallel to a Y-direction which is perpendicular to a vertical Z-direction and an X-direction which is perpendicular to the Y-direction and to the Z-direction;

an imaging system with a main axis directed parallel to the Z-direction;

a mask stage which can be positioned parallel to the Y-direction by a second positioning device; and